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SUBJ: AMERICAN APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO ITALIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

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1. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN JUNE 1973 PASSED A NEW LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A FOREIGN APPLICANT TO AN ITALIAN MEDICAL SCHOOL DESIGNATED BY A JOINT COMMISSION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RECTORS OF THE VARIOUS ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES. IN OTHER WORDS, ELEMENT OF CHOICE OF SCHOOL ON PART OF APPLICANT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED, GOI HAVING TAKEN OVER ASSIGNMENT TO SPECIFIC MEDICAL SCHOOL LARGELY TO AVOID OVERCROWDING IN LARGER UNIVERSITIES SUCH AS BOLOGNA AND ROME. A LAW PASSED IN APRIL RAISED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE TO AT LEAST A B AVERAGE PLUS ITALIAN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS. AS A RESULT OF THE NEW NORMS U.S. STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN ITALIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS HAS DECREASED FROM 475 IN 1972 TO AROUND 150 THIS YEAR.

2. A DEGREE FROM ONE UNIVERSITY IS EQUIVALENT TO ANY OTHER IN ITALY AND IS RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE ITALO-AMERICAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION THAT ONE CAN OBTAIN AS GOOD AN EDUCATION AT THE SMALLER UNIVERSITIES AS AT THE LARGER ONES FOR REASONS INHERENT IN THE ITALIAN MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND BECAUSE OF THE SMALLER CLASSES.

3. THE ITALO-AMERICAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION REPORTS THAT ONLY 35 PERCENT OF ALL FOREIGN MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM ITALIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS PASSED THE ECFMG LAST YEAR.

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4. BEST SOURCE INFORMATION IS VICE CONSUL JOLANDA BRUNETTI, ITALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL, NEW YORK, WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS IN CHARGE OF EDUCATIONAL MATTERS. VICE CONSUL BRUNETTI IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO USIS ROME.VOLPE

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